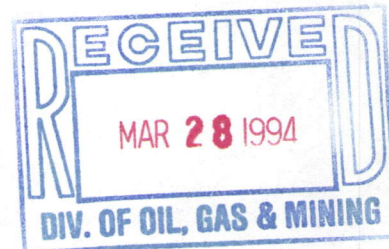


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March 25, 1994

Don A. Ostler, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Ostler:

Subject: Valley Fill Leach Area No. 1 - Status Update

Valley Fill Leach Area No. 1 closure has now been completed. The clay barrier cap was completed prior to December 1993, and the subsoil cover layer was completed in February 1994. The subsoil cover included crusher drainage bypass (piped) around the west side and an established drainage ditch around the east side. The subsoil cover was graded to allow positive drainage off the top surface to be conveyed around the area. The cistern and leakage collection systems were reestablished and fully operational as of March 11, 1994, and all solution removed from both systems. Sampling of the cistern and leakage collection will be performed, if water is present, beginning the first quarter of 1994 and will continue on a quarterly basis thereafter. All samples will conform to the previously approved QA/QC plan for Valley Fill Leach Area No. 3. Data will be submitted to the Division within 15 days from the end of each calendar quarter.

As-Built drawings of the final cap of Valley Fill Leach Area No. 1 will be prepared and forwarded to the Division upon their completion.

Barrick will initiate use of the capped facility as a stockpile area for mill feed stock beginning in May 1994.

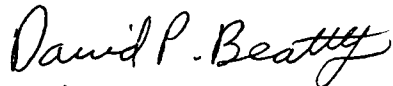
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